



Region 6 Spotlight News

December 2008

Cassia county had it's first PAC meeting of the year on November 18. There were about 80 parents that attended our meeting. The evening began with pizza, cookies and punch for everybody. As parents and children were enjoying their pizza Raices, presented some digital stories about our local Hispanic students, then the Jr. and High school dancers performed some traditional Mexican dances under the leadership of Marta Hernandez.

After the entertainment the younger children were sent to the gym where the Burley Fire Dept. spoke to them about fire safety. Burley Police Department demonstrated bike safety and donated some helmet and pads. Cassia Regional Hospital demonstrated first aide and Helen Almanza of the Reading Foundation gave out books so all the children took home a book.

Robert Gomez introduced the staff and then spoke to the parents about migrant issues and took in questions about the program. Jeff Birch, Director of Federal Programs, also spoke to the parents about the Homeless program, AYP, and the Newcomer Center. Joann Noble our guest speaker spoke to the parents about the "Strengthening Parent Program" and presented some parenting tips to them.

After the meeting we raffled some prizes and just about everybody if not everybody took home a prize. We went all out and also raffled the left over boxes of pizza which made some mothers happy. Overall the meeting went very well, we had a good turn out and the parents enjoyed the evening.

Other District news

- * Blaine, Minidoka and Shoshone School Districts have new Liaisons.
- * Minidoka County is Planning a college night for students . No date set yet.
- * Valley School District has ESL classes for parents on Tue. & Thru. Nights.
- * On Nov. 18, Murtaugh Elementary had a reading night for parents where many of their migrants students and parents were present.

Cassia County Pac Meeting



Preston Jr. High

On March 20th Preston Jr. High started a series of educational meetings designed to help parents who dealt with children to "develop positive relationships with children". The program used was developed by Fred Jones who has won numerous national awards from parent organizations around the country.

The program was divided in three sections. It covered the first section. They had weekly sessions during a month period. The sessions presented were the following:

Session One: Calm is Strength. Upset is Weakness

Session Two: The Body Language of Meaning business

Session Three: Backtalk and Consistency

Session four: Rules and Consequences

Parents were very grateful for the sessions presented. The school is waiting for feed back to determine if they will continue with it this year.



Season's Greetings

